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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 17, 2005, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.